

Kuei-Jin

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Kuei-Jin are vampires from East and Southeast Asia, otherwise known as Asian [vampires](#) though they are mainly centered in regions of [China](#) and [Japan](#). They are different than [Jiangshi](#) which are more akin to vampiric zombies and could be considered as [Yōkai](#) in Japanese myth. They are culturally different from Western and European vampires.



Description

The Kuei-jin are physically powered by mystical energy and that energy serves to heal them. Much like the Hakken who use the spiritual energies of the [Munin Howl](#) like their Western relatives, the Kuei-jin use chi. Depending on the type of chi used, a Kuei-jin's body will have different attributes – ranging from a low-energy corpse like state, to a feverish state close enough to life that they can create new life. Apart from being faster, stronger and tougher, a yang aspected Kuei-jin appears to be a living human being.

Kuei-jin are less tied to their bodies than might be expected, because they are spirits wearing bodies, they can take an enormous amount of damage, including total destruction that wipes out the body and forces the Kuei-jin to seek out a new host. There is a subspecies of Kuei-jin, the Yulan Jin who do this on a regular basis.

Kuei-jin are effectively unliving chi batteries; they need and hunger for chi the same way that regular vampires hunger for blood, and they need no other sustenance, although they take more pleasure from food and sex than the damned do. With the right chi, Kuei-jin can even withstand the sun for a short period of time. Chi is divided into Yin and Yang, which have both drawbacks and

advantages when Kuei-jin imbalance themselves to one of them.

Overview

It is said that the Kuei-jin are the corrupted descendants of the Wan Xian, the "Ten Thousand Fallen Heroes" whom were embraced by [Izanami](#). According to legend, the Wan Xian pleaded with the death goddess at a chance to redeem themselves to which Izanami, after receiving counsel from [Izanagi](#) accepted their plea, however, she told them that should they commit acts which has them drift from the path to redemption, they will become corpses whom feed on the lives of others.

Tragically, this came to pass as due to their undead and wraith-like nature, their vengeful instincts were nurtured too greatly during their time in [Yomi](#) and thus began to feed off of the chi of living beings and corrupting the tests of worthiness. Their children, the Jin Hai tried to keep them on the path of righteousness, but were eventually killed for their presumption. Izanami, instead of outright having them return to Yomi, would instead curse them to live as undead, unable to acquire chi except from drinking the blood of the living, and to exist in a brutal mockery of their former state. [Amaterasu](#) would also declare that these former heroes and champions would never again bask in her luminous glory and the sunlight would only welcome a burning death.

Since that time, the Wan Kuei, the fallen Wan Xian, have developed a redemptory religion while occupying an ecological niche akin to Western vampires. They also developed a fierce rivalry with the [Hakken](#) much like how Western [werewolves](#) have with vampires including other [werebeasts](#) like the [Shéxíng](#). The Kuei-Jin manipulated and murdered their way into high society, becoming socialites and criminal lords. In Japan, a majority of the Yakuza families are comprised of Kuei-Jin. Moreover, most if not all Kuei-Jin sport draconic tattoos that covers vast portions of their bodies with these tattoos even being tied to their otherworldly abilities.

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